GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2681
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway accidents are taking place due to poor condition of the railway tracks and the railways are finding it difficult to change the tracks due to cartelisation of the manufacturers of cement sleeper;

(b) if so, the steps taken to overcome the cartelisation of cement sleeper manufacturers;

(c) whether there is any proposal to use the steel sleepers in its place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The present production capacity for manufacturing Concrete Sleepers is adequate to meet the Railway`s requirement. There is no proposal to use Steel Sleepers at present.

(d) Does not arise.